

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is

- 1 1. A computerized method for generating a digital image geographical special  
2 interest guide comprising:  
3 processing digital images to associate the digital images with a  
4 category on a displayed geographical map; and  
5 providing a digital image geographical special interest guide for the  
6 category containing the associated digital images.
- 1 2. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein providing a digital image  
2 geographical special interest guide comprises:  
3 allowing selection of a category on the displayed geographical map;  
4 retrieving digital images associated with the selected category; and  
5 generating a digital image geographical special interest guide using the  
6 retrieved digital images.
- 1 3. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein the category is chosen from a  
2 group consisting of a geographical locations on a map, landmarks, restaurants, hotels,  
3 theatres, nightlife, resorts, shopping malls, bars, entertainment, and scenic spots.
- 1 4. The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising receiving digital  
2 images from an electronic device, the electronic device being chosen from a group  
3 consisting of a stand alone computer, a networked system, and an online service.

1 5. The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 generating a web page containing data that displays information  
3 chosen from the group consisting of digital image geographical special interest guide  
4 data, advertisements, banners, text, graphics, and hotlinks.

1 6. The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising storing the processed  
2 digital images.

1 7. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein provider the digital image  
2 geographical special interest guide comprises:  
3 associating the processed digital images with hotlinks; and  
4 enabling access of the digital images through the hotlinks.

1 8. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein providing the digital image  
2 geographical special interest guide comprises:  
3 enabling access to the digital image geographical special interest guide  
4 upon payment of a fee.

1 9. The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising compensating a user  
2 for submitting digital images to the digital image geographical special interest guide.

1 10. The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising receiving  
2 compensation for banner and advertisements posted on the digital image geographical  
3 special interest guide.

1 11. The computerized method of claim 1, wherein processing the digital images  
2 comprises:  
3 requesting digital images for a particular category on the digital image  
4 geographical special interest guide;  
5 receiving the requested digital images corresponding to the particular  
6 category; and  
7 associating the received digital images with the particular category.

1 12. The computerized method of claim 11, wherein requesting being performed  
2 by a server by posting data on an Internet web page indicating users to submit digital  
3 images corresponding to a category.

1 13. The computerized method of claim 11, wherein requesting being performed  
2 by a server by maintaining a list of prior users and sending email messages to the  
3 prior users indicating users to submit digital images corresponding to a category.

1 14. The computerized method of claim 1, further comprising:  
2 associating the processed digital images with a location on the  
3 geographical map corresponding to the category; and  
4 altering the geographical map to represent digital images taken at  
5 particular locations of the geographical map.

1 15. The computerized method of claim 14, wherein associating further  
2 comprising:  
3 allowing a user to submit digital images to the digital image  
4 geographical special interest guide; and

5 associating the submitted digital images with a particular location on  
6 the geographical map.

1 16. The computerized method of claim 14, wherein associating further  
2 comprising:  
3 allowing a user to submit digital images to the digital image  
4 geographical special interest guide; and  
5 associating the submitted digital images with a particular category of  
6 the digital image geographical special interest guide.

1 17. The computerized method of claim 14, wherein associating further comprises  
2 allowing users to display digital images corresponding to the particular category on  
3 the geographical map.

1 18. The computerized method of claim 14, wherein associating further comprises  
2 allowing users to display digital images corresponding to a geographical location on  
3 the geographical map.

1 19. A computerized system comprising:  
2 a processor;  
3 a memory coupled to the processor through a system bus;  
4 a computer-readable medium coupled to the processor through the  
5 system bus; and  
6 a digital image geographical special interest guide module executed  
7 from the computer-readable medium by the processor to cause the processor to  
8 process digital images to associate the digital images with a category on a displayed

9 geographical map, and provide a digital image geographical special interest guide for  
10 the category containing the associated digital images.

1 20. The computerized system of claim 19, wherein the digital image geographical  
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to allow selection of a category on  
3 the displayed geographical map, retrieve digital images associated with the selected  
4 category, and generate a digital image geographical special interest guide using the  
5 retrieved digital images.

1 21. The computerized system of claim 19, wherein the category is chosen from a  
2 group consisting of a geographical locations on a map, landmarks, restaurants, hotels,  
3 theatres, nightlife, resorts, shopping malls, bars, entertainment, and scenic spots.

1 22. The computerized system of claim 19, wherein digital image geographical  
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to receive digital images from an  
3 electronic device, the electronic device being chosen from a group consisting of a  
4 stand alone computer, a networked system, and an online service.

1 23. The computerized system of claim 19, wherein digital image geographical  
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to generate a web page containing  
3 data that displays information chosen from the group consisting of digital image  
4 geographical special interest guide data, advertisements, banners, text, graphics, and  
5 hotlinks.

1 24. The computerized system of claim 19, wherein the digital image geographical  
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to store the processed digital  
3 images.

1 25. The computerized system of claim 19, wherein the digital image geographical  
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to associate the processed digital  
3 images with hotlinks, and enable access of the digital images through the hotlinks.

1 26. The computerized system of claim 20, wherein the digital image geographical  
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to enable access to the digital  
3 image geographical special interest guide upon payment of a fee.

1 27. The computerized system of claim 20, wherein the digital image geographical  
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to compensate a user for  
3 submitting digital images to the digital image geographical special interest guide.

1 28. The computerized system of claim 20, wherein the digital image geographical  
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to receive compensation for  
3 banner and advertisements posted on the digital image geographical special interest  
4 guide.

1 29. The computerized system of claim 20, wherein the digital image geographical  
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to request digital images for a  
3 particular category on the digital image geographical special interest guide, receive

4 the requested digital images corresponding to the particular category, and associate  
5 the received digital images with the particular category.

1 30. The computerized system of claim 29, wherein the digital image geographical  
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to request by posting data on an  
3 Internet web page indicating users to submit digital images corresponding to a  
4 category.

1 31. The computerized system of claim 29, wherein the digital image geographical  
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to request by maintaining a list of  
3 prior users and sending email messages to the prior users indicating users to submit  
4 digital images corresponding to a category.

1 32. The computerized system of claim 20, wherein the digital image geographical  
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to associate the processed digital  
3 images with a location on the geographical map corresponding to the category, and  
4 alter the geographical map to represent digital images taken at particular locations of  
5 the geographical map.

1 33. The computerized system of claim 32, wherein the digital image geographical  
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to allow a user to submit digital  
3 images to the digital image geographical special interest guide, and associate the  
4 submitted digital images with a particular location on the geographical map.

1 34. The computerized system of claim 32, wherein the digital image geographical  
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to allow a user to submit digital  
3 images to the digital image geographical special interest guide, and associate the  
4 submitted digital images with a particular category of the digital image geographical  
5 special interest guide.

1 35. The computerized system of claim 32, wherein the digital image geographical  
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to allow users to display digital  
3 images corresponding to the particular category on the geographical map.

1 36. The computerized system of claim 32, wherein the digital image geographical  
2 special interest guide module causes the processor to allow users to display digital  
3 images corresponding to a geographical location on the geographical map.

1 37. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions to  
2 cause a server computer to perform a method comprising:  
3 processing digital images to associate the digital images with a  
4 category on a displayed geographical map; and  
5 providing a digital image geographical special interest guide for the  
6 category containing the associated digital images.

1 38. The computer-readable medium of claim 37, wherein providing a digital  
2 image geographical special interest guide further comprises:  
3 allowing selection of a category on the displayed geographical map;  
4 retrieving digital images associated with the selected category; and



5                   generating a digital image geographical special interest guide using the  
6   retrieved digital images.

1   39.   The computer-readable medium of claim 37, wherein the category is chosen  
2   from a group consisting of a geographical locations on a map, landmarks, restaurants,  
3   hotels, theatres, nightlife, resorts, shopping malls, bars, entertainment, and scenic  
4   spots.

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